

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 14th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 6:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Kiefer, Msgr. Reidy Sr. Cecilia Ann, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Ashley Harris, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O'Reilly, Jeanne Skahan, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Larry O'Reilly, Mike Johnson, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Lewis Hejna

Guests: Dr. Wanda Miller, Thomas Billings, Shelley Todd

OPENING PRAYER 6:11 PM Fr. Tom Kiefer opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The November minutes and December Consent Agenda items were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the consent items and minutes was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Dr. Wanda Miller spoke about counseling at each of the schools. There are 138 students who are seeing counselor interns in some sort of capacity. She mentioned that among the 3 counselors they see about 80 students a week. One of the interns graduates this month and she will be replaced with a new intern from Evangel college. Dr. Miller also stated that she has updated the crisis manual. She has also put together a suicide prevention plan along with providing information for parents to assist with many issues.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the November financial statements. A motion to approve the financials was made by Jane Fairchild and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. Margaret also stated that we are up 2 students from the revised budget.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann continues to work on Grants for security and learning loss issues. SEAS received their Welcome email to set up their class wallet for the EANSIIa Grant, so we know we were at least awarded that grant. The first submission to DESE for reimbursement has been made and have been assured that our payment is on its way. Our schools will be moving from Tyler SIS to Infinite Campus and will be rolling over at semester. The Booster received approval for renovations on the weight room. On January 10th during the monthly principals' meeting Noah Snelson will be coming to meet with our administration. He is the Field Director for Congressman Eric Burlison. He shared: "One of the committees in Washington that we are on is Education. It's important for us to have perspectives from both public and private education entities. I would love to chat about your priorities, learn more about your school system, and what strengths and opportunities you have." For the Feb. 16, 2024, SCS In-Service, we will have Rachelle Parker give a short 30-minute witness talk about her conversion to the Catholic Church – highlighting the importance of the Eucharist. Greg Miller is also coming to talk to us about artificial intelligence and how it can be positively used to differentiate instruction, etc...

The beginning work and discussion on the 2024-25 school year calendar is ongoing and will have a tentative calendar to present to the school board in January. Lastly Sr. Cecilia Ann read the proposal from Brian Pyck on Evangel's use of the track and field. After discussions were had, it was decided to let Evangel use the track and field through February and then discuss having a formal plan in place going forward. A motion to approve the termination of the verbal agreement was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer.

Director of Development: Becky talked about Emerald Evening. Emerald Evening will take place on February 24, 2024. This is the 30th! The Development Board is supporting EE in soliciting Sponsorship. We are off to a great start with \$91K in sponsorships but we have a long way to go. The Emerald Evening Committee has now met a few times and is making great progress. Their current focus is on gathering auction items. Looking for unique 'Live' items. Becky also mentioned the Annual Fund is down from where it was last year at this time. End-of-year efforts are currently underway to capture anyone

seeking tax benefits. Giving Tuesday was a success, and we met our goal of \$7500 to support the security at all four schools. The Shepherds' Fund's new marketing materials have been created to help tell the story of the need behind SF and the progress made thus far. Dinner parties will resume after the first part of the year. We are still looking for a Shepherds' fund/ Emerald Evening match. The alumni association hosted a "Home for the Holidays" social event at Hold Fast Brewery over Thanksgiving weekend. They are currently planning an event to be held during a home basketball game. More details will be provided as they finalize plans. Lastly, CBNO celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a fantastic Christmas Party last week. During the party, they announced a \$10,000 donation match for The Shepherds' Fund which will run through the end of this year. Please donate so we can maximize this generous gift.

OLD BUSINESS: Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the final draft of the mission statement.

"Springfield Catholic Schools prepares and empowers students, in an atmosphere of academic excellence, with God's help, to be sent forth as disciples of the Catholic Faith and models of service."

A motion to approve the mission statement was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Jane Fairchild. The motion was approved. Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the following policies for a second reading.

- 1.36 Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities
- 1.37 Student Usage of Electronic Communications Devices

A motion to approve the policies was made by Jane Fairchild and then seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion was approved.

Policy 1.39 Student Bullying was discussed and will be looked at again and brought back to the board in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the Music Booster's proposal to purchase a 14' cargo trailer for the band/music programs to use. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Jane Fairchild. Sr. Cecilia Ann will write a letter to Bishop Rice asking for his permission to proceed.

Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the following policies for a first reading.

- 1.38 Student Drug Testing
- 1.38A Guidelines for Student Drug Testing
- 1.38B Drug Testing Consent Form

CLOSING PRAYER Sr. Cecilia Ann closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.